

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Bald Eagle was designated as the United States of America's National Emblem on June 20, 1782, by our Country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and,

Whereas, The Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as Freedom, Courage, Strength, Spirit, Justice, Quality, and Excellence; and,

Whereas, The Bald Eagle's image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture; and the United States stamps, currency, and coinage; and,

Whereas, The Department of Interior and United States Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and,

Whereas, The recovery of the United States of America's Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017, as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in South Dakota, and I encourage all United States citizens to join us in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State